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SUBJECT: ENERGY R&D RELATIONS WITH GOJ

WASHINGTON EMBASSY

1. DEPT. (OES/SCI/AE) WAS VISITED ON OCTOBER 31 BY FIRST SECRETARY YOKAYAMA OF GOJ EMBASSY, ACCOMPANIED BY KIICHI TAKAHASHI OF OVERSEAS ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY SURVEY INSTITUTE, INC. (OEISI) WASHINGTON OFFICE. PURPOSE PRESUMABLY WAS TO SOLICIT DEPT.'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS IN U.S. FOR SHIMIZU OF AIST/MITI, COVERING HIS GEOTHERMAL ENERGY INTERESTS. WE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE OF (A) SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE VISIT BEGINS (NOV. 8) AND (B) GREAT EFFORT MADE BY MITI TO ACCOMMODATE VISITS OF U.S. ENERGY R&D EXPERTS TO JAPANESE FACILITIES.

2. DURING COURSE OF MEETING, WE WERE INFORMED THAT TAKAHASHI IS AN MITI EMPLOYEE ON ASSIGNMENT TO OEISI AND THAT HE WILL ASSIST YOKAYAMA IN REPRESENTING MITI IN WASHINGTON. TAKAHASHI LEFT BROCHURES ON OEISI WITH DEPT. OFFICER. (THIS ARRANGEMENT SEEMS A LITTLE WEIRD TO US.)

3. TELECONS TO AEC AND OES/SCI/AE FROM MURAKAMI, GOJ

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ATOMIC ENERGY ATTACHE (AND STA EMPLOYEE), HAVE REQUESTED

THAT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR SHIMIZU VISITS TO USG FACILITIES
COME TO MURAKAMI RATHER THAN YOKAYAMA, INDICATING THAT
BATTLE BETWEEN MITI AND STA TO CONTROL ENERGY R&D ACTIVITIES
IS CONTINUING. INGERSOLL

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